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Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Puerto Cortez—Fruit port.

PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, *October 9, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 9, 1902:

Population according to census of 1896, 1,856; present officially estimated population, 2,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none. Prevailing disease, malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: October 2, steamship *Anselm;* crew, 41; passengers from this port, 11; passengers in transit, 3; baggage disinfected, 26 pieces. October 3, steamship *Bratten;* crew, 15; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully, SAMUEL HARRIS BACKUS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

ITALY.

Reports from Naples—Inspection at Palermo—Cholera in Egypt and Arabia and plague in Russia.

NAPLES, ITALY, *September 29, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended September 27, 1902, the following ships were inspected at Naples:

September 23, the steamship *Leon XIII*, of the Spanish Trans-Atlantic Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 338 steerage passengers and 60 pieces of large baggage; 700 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. The rejection of 30 steerage passengers was advised. September 24, the steamship *Citta di Palermo*, bound with cargo for New York; the steamship *Sardegna*, of the Italian General Navigation Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 996 steerage passengers and 250 pieces of large baggage; 1,100 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. The rejection of 54 steerage passengers was advised. September 25, the steamship *Trave*, of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 682 steerage passengers and 163 pieces of large baggage; 750 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. The rejection of 46 steerage passengers was advised. September 27, the steamship *Georgia*, of the Hamburg American Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 599 steerage passengers and 110 pieces of large baggage; 750 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. The rejection of 25 steerage passengers was advised; the steamship *Vancouver*, of the Dominion Line, bound with passengers and cargo for Boston. There were inspected and passed 881 steerage passengers and 285 pieces of large baggage; 1,200 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. The rejection of 35 steerage passengers was advised.

Inspection at Palermo.

At Palermo for the week ended September 27, 1902, the following steamship was inspected: September 25 and September 26, the steamship